

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-79

RE: C.R. NO. 19-142/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,306,000, TO FUND THE FSM STRATEGIC
PREVENTIVE FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIPS FOR
SUCCESS PROJECT.

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-142, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,306,000 TO FUND
THE FSM STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIPS
FOR SUCCESS PROJECT, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in
its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on November 17, 2015, the
witnesses present included the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key
staff, and the Department of Justice. Your Committee was

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also very fortunate to have present the Directors of the State Departments of Health.

The Department stated that this grant was one component of the project and covered the prevention activities for substance abuse. This grant would support two main goals: 1) reducing the availability of and access to alcohol among persons aged 12 to 20 throughout the four States and 2) establish a standardized surveillance system to identify underage drinking. The SPF-PFS project is an ongoing project with specific guidelines regarding partnership formation, capacity building, strategic plan development and implementation.

The Committee is very familiar with the awareness work that the substance abuse prevention grant does. It is concerned that, in general, there seems to be more not less substance abuse among our young people. This grant will provide for the administration costs (a budget for the National portion of the grant is attached with this report), a separate grant, that was approved earlier provides for the activities and supplies budget.

As touched on several times during the hearing regarding this grant and others the Committee would like to see detailed statistics regarding the performance of these programs, and to understand if there has been improvement, and if not, why.

As this is an ongoing project the National and State Departments of Health were requested to submit their current progress reports. The Committee was advised that budget breakdowns for each of the four state's use of their portion of the grant funds would be forwarded to the Committee as soon as possible. The Committee again requests that progress reports and detailed budgets be submitted for the grants with the proposed resolution and

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grant award so the Committee may have the opportunity to
make a preliminary review before its hearings.

Your Committee would like to offer the following technical
amendment to read as follows:

1. Page 1, line 4 delete "2019" and insert "2016" in lieu
thereof.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord
with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-142, and
recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R.
No. 19-142, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bonsiano F. Nethon, chairman

/s/ Ferny S. Perman
Ferny S. Perman, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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/s/ Florencio S. Harper
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/s/ David W. Panuelo
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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/s/ Alik L. Alik
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